

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please insert the following as the first paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application
under 35 USC 371 of International Application
PCT/JP2004/019702 filed December 22, 2004.

**Please replace paragraph [0493] at page 76, lines 29-34,
with the following amended paragraph:**

[0493] This sheet 621 is prevented from losing its
pleated shape by jointing, e. g. thermally fusing, ultrasonically
fusing and fusing by in-mold forming its peripheral edge 622,
across which pleats are made parallel, to maintain a pitch of
pleats. To it, if a pleated sheet is left with its pleats as they
are, under an external force it tends to lose its shape and
become unable to maintain its original pitch of plates.